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Sir:

Attached hereto, Applicants provide a copy of JP 9-34772 (hereinafter referred to as "JP '772"), an English language abstract thereof, and a copy of corresponding U.S. Publication No. US 2001/0002851 A1. JP '772 was cited in an Office Action for a corresponding Chinese patent application, but was not forwarded to Applicants' U.S. representative in a manner that allowed submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)-(e). Therefore, it is Applicants' understanding that the attached reference will merely be placed in the file without formal consideration by the Examiner. Applicants do not believe that JP '772 affects the issues on appeal and, therefore, have not requested that the application be withdrawn

from appeal (e.g., by filing an RCE) for formal consideration thereof.

JP '772 discloses an information processing system. With reference to Fig. 1, a data request is transmitted to a www server 101 from the client 105. When the www server receives the data request transmitted from the client 105, requested image data is transmitted to the device 103. If the transmitted data is image data, the size of the image data is changed in accordance with a reduction ratio and transmitted to the client computer. In comparison to aspects of the present invention, this size reduction is not in response to display information received from the client computer. With reference to claim 25, the image size conversion performed in JP '772 is not related to film image data transmitted from the client computer.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

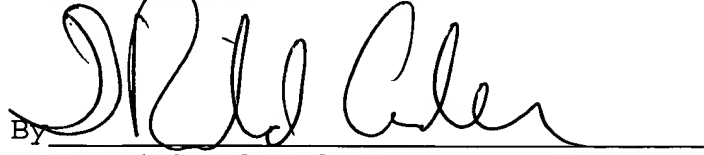
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Attachments: JP 9-34772 and English language abstract thereof  
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